

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY
Thursday, February 22, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building – Board Chambers
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly. Board Members present: Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley. Director Engellenner, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, Associate General Counsel Chavez, Board Clerk Tilson.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Special Board Meeting Action Summary—February 5, 2007
2. Board Meeting Action Summary—February 8, 2007
3. Resolution #09-07—Commendation—Rick Martinez
4. Resolution #10-07—Commendation—Dennis G. Plessas
5. Resolution #11-07—Commendation—Chuck J. Milanowski
6. Resolution #12-07—Commendation—Christopher P. Reilly
7. Resolution #13-07—Commendation—David L. Rowlette
8. Resolution #14-07—Commendation—Rush H. Alexander, Jr.
9. Resolution #15-07—Commendation—Richard A. Klink
10. Resolution #16-07—Commendation—Richard L. Wasina
11. Resolution #17-07—Commendation—Donald A. Jamieson
12. Resolution #18-07—Commendation—Arthur C. Fingerle, Jr.
13. Resolution #19-07—Commendation—Kris F. Heil
14. Resolution #20-07—Commendation—Edward R. James

15. Resolution #21-07—Commendation—Philip B. Machek
16. Resolution #22-07—Commendation—William R. Cole
17. Resolution #23-07—Commendation—Roger F. Dyer
18. Resolution #24-07—Commendation—Michael R. Dobson
19. Resolution #25-07—Commendation—Jack B. Knight
20. Resolution #26-07—Commendation—Arthur G. Lewis
21. Resolution #27-07—Commendation—Bernie L. Necker
22. Resolution #28-07—Commendation—James D. Newcomer
23. Resolution #29-07—Commendation—Robert B. Powell
24. Resolution #30-07—Commendation—James C. Ritter
25. Resolution #31-07—Commendation—Phillip S. Weber
26. Resolution #32-07—Commendation—James A. Hunnicutt
27. Resolution #33-07—Commendation—Walter L. McCullers II
28. Resolution #34-07—Commendation—Jay T. Moore
29. Resolution #35-07—Commendation—Roger D. Gantt
30. Resolution #36-07—Commendation—Daniel E. Franke

- **Board Action:**

Goold/Lawson—approve the consent Agenda. Directors Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Director Engellenner, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM(S):

1. **Resolution No. 37-07—Authorized Signatories for Grant Acceptance Programs—(Latta)**

- The Fire District is required to identify by resolution positions with signatory authorization related to receiving and managing State and Federal grants for financial assistance to include the State Homeland Security Program, Community Emergency Response Team, and Urban Area Security Initiative. The designated positions with authority to sign on behalf of the District outlined in the Resolution are Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Finance Director, or Battalion Chief.
- Staff recommended the adoption of the Grant Acceptance Resolution.

- **Board Action:**

Goold/Jones—adopt the Resolution. Directors Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Director Engellenner, absent. Motion carried.

2. Election of Office No. 6 Alternate Special District Commissioner—(Kelly) Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

- The Board congratulated Director Jones on her election to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission as Special District Commissioner, Office No. 7. The term of office commences on February 7, 2007, to fulfill the four-year term vacated by Elliot Mulberg, and expires the first Monday in May 2009.
- The office of Alternate Special District Commissioner, vacated by Ms Jones, is a four-year term of office. Nominations are now open for the election of the Alternate Special District Commissioner.
- Nominations are also open for the election of Office No. 6, Special District Commissioner to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission, currently held by Charles T. Rose. His term of office will be completed May 2007.
- Nomination period for candidates will close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007.
- Discussion on nomination of a candidate from another district such as the Cordova Recreation and Park District or the Elk Grove Community Services District.

Director Granados recommended waiting until the nominations are in for a review of the candidate pool.

Director Jones suggested working through the Fire Chief's office to contact other special districts for some type of consensus.

- **Board Action:**
No action taken—Fire Chief to monitor.

PRESENTATION ITEM(S)

1. Board Meeting Schedule—(Kelly)

- President Kelly stated the Board meeting schedule was changed several months ago. At that time he anticipated a monthly matrix for Board members to indicate the nights they were able to attend meetings but it was not distributed. Director Jones has a conflict with the second Thursday night meeting since she sits on the Cordova Community CPAC.

- Following discussion, President Kelly requested a monthly matrix be distributed to each director and returned to Board Clerk Tilson for presentation at the next Board meeting to see if there is an alternative.
- Director Goold stated it is important to recognize if the Board elects to change the days, the change should be made effective in June or July to allow Board members to rearrange their schedules.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Kelly)

- Wished Fire Chief Mette a Happy Birthday.
- Looks forward to attending the Retirement Dinner.
- Appreciate all the hard work each and every one does on a daily basis.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Mette)

- Fire incident report – five working structure fires.
- February 9, 2007 – opened Station 68 in Anatolia.

March 24, 2007 – tentative date for the grand opening. Plan to get the Rancho Cordova City Council and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board members out there to do a neighborhood open house.
- At the Rancho Cordova City Council meeting, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District presented an award to three citizens for extinguishing a grass fire at Cordova High School Stadium.
- Smoke Detector Public Service Announcements (PSA) start on Channel 40 this week.
- Cristy Haverty produced one PSA for Channel 13 and it was shown without any editing, which says a lot for her abilities.
- Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District played a significant role in the Boot Drive for the Firefighters Burn Institute and raised \$127,000 at Sunrise and Greenback.
- Art Negrette, the District's helicopter consultant, would like to set up a workshop.

General consensus to have Board Clerk Tilson coordinate some dates for a three-four hour workshop; possibly put together plans to include some other issues.

- Met with the Director of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). Distributed copies of a SAFCA publication explaining a 200-year flood control assessment. Four District properties are within the flood assessment: Station 53, Station 54, Station 64, and the Hurley building. Information conveyed was that a ballot would be sent out by April 18. Requested Board direction on this issue.

Current assessment includes only two of the properties for a total of \$318.56. The proposed assessment will include all four properties for a total of \$740.74. The assessment monies received will be used to strengthen levies in the specific areas from which it is derived.

Board Action:

General consensus to place this on the next agenda as an Action Item for a formal vote to endorse the SAFCA Consolidated Capital Assessment District plan and authorize the Fire Chief to act on behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

Fire Chief Mette stated a staff report would be prepared for the next meeting.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT—(Chavez)

- Reported the following Workers' Compensation claim settlement:

Russell Powell v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #2005042747

Within settlement authority provided by the Board of Directors, staff and Workers' Compensation Counsel have secured a stipulated settlement award of Claim #2005042747 from Russell Powell for the amount of \$13,183.50 plus costs for future medical treatment to cure or relieve the effects of the injury.

- Attended a training conference by the Council of Education and Management, which thoroughly discussed issues such as the Family Medical Leave Act, American with Disabilities Act, and Fair Employment and Housing Act. Pat Monahan also attended.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**Executive Committee—(Kelly)**

- TBD

Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)

- Next Meeting: February 27, 2007 – 10:30 AM

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Goold)

- Next meeting: TBD

Finance Committee—(Jones)

- Next meeting: March 8, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

Policy Committee—(Lawson)

- Tonight's meeting was cancelled.
- Two policy items were referred to Counsel Michael Dean:
 - 1) Appeal Procedure for At-Will Employees
 - 2) Outside legal counsel for lawsuits involving Board members and administrative staff
- Also inquired about the status of the cost-recovery policy.
Counsel Chavez stated staff is still working on the policy.
- Next meeting: March 22, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**Granados:**

- Welcomed Director Clark aboard.
- Pleased the District is taking the lead on the public service announcements for smoke detectors. Thanked Chief Eastman.

Jones:

- Welcomed Director Clark aboard.
- Happy Birthday to Fire Chief Mette.
- Glad to see Board consensus and we will certainly vote in a positive outcome for the special assessment for the flood district. In time of impending natural disaster, improved flood control will help everyone. Proud this Board recognizes the need and supports this effort.

Lawson:

- Congratulated all those individuals involved in the Boot Drive last weekend. He worked one hour and raised \$242, a small part compared to the \$127,000 in donations raised by Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

In response to Director Lawson, Pat Monahan of Sacramento Fire Fighters Local 522 acknowledged Captain Mike Daw and Captain Forrest Rowell as the individuals who have participated in the basket for the last 17 years.
- Congratulated Fire Chief Mette on his birthday.
- Congratulated Director D'Elman Clark.
- Congratulated Chris Pebbles on his recent marriage.

Goold:

- Recently there were some articles in a major Sacramento newspaper that may have led some of the community members to believe that the District EMS personnel are trained and perform substandardly. The men and women who run these calls are highly competent individuals and most of them are highly dedicated. There is a whole process in this community to watch and track the ones that are struggling and do quality assurance. The newspaper should run some good articles after the bad ones so that men and women who call 9-1-1 are not afraid that somebody walking through the door is incompetent. This simply is not a fact.

Trujillo:

- Congratulated the Burn Center and the men and women in the Fire Service that make this a successful event.

The Firefighters Burn Institute is also having a crab feed on March 10 and donations can be taken anytime.
- Thanked staff for their report.
- Thanked the men and women in the Fire Service that work for Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District who do their best each and every day. Echoed Director Goold's sentiment. The people who work in this District are very competent and professional. He felt the people know we are out there doing the best possible job.
- Welcomed Director Clark to the Board.
- Happy Birthday, Chief Mette.
- Congratulated Christian Pebbles on his marriage.

Clark:

- Thanked the Board for their support in appointing him to this position. He will do everything in his power to work with this Board and to represent the constituents of this District and the community.
- Wished Fire Chief Mette a Happy Birthday.

Kelly:

- It is important for the people of the district to understand that their call will be answered by well-trained personnel and medical treatment and emergency aid will be received. It is unconscionable that the Sacramento Bee would write articles that cast a wide net over all of the emergency medical response without coverage of the good things about this District and neighboring districts.

Monahan:

- The constituents represented by this Board should realize they have some of the top professional men and women in the firefighters rank as well as the paramedics, administrative and support staff. The reason for this is due to the significantly hard decisions made by this governing body.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:05 PM

[Taken out of order after Consent Items]

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 6:15 PM**CLOSED SESSION GOVERNMENT CODES:**

Report by Associate General Counsel Chavez:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – One (1) Case

Tracey Timpone vs Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
#6221000074

The Board heard evidence on the matter and gave direction to staff to proceed with the settlement.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b):
One (1) Case

Claim Against Public Entity Pursuant to Government Code Section 910
Candy Pulliam vs Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

A unanimous decision was made by all the Board members present to deny the claim and refer the matter to the District's insurance carrier.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Matt Kelly, President

Thomas J. Lawson, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board